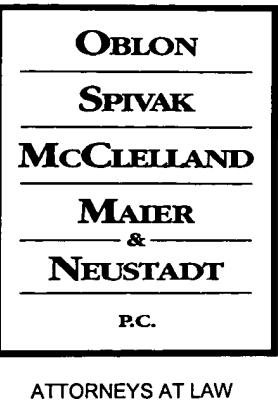




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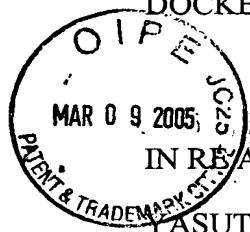
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The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance included at page 2 of the Notice of Allowance states in relevant part that "the prior art of record neither discloses nor suggests in combination with the other limitations of the independent claims" the feature of

...an operation unit configured to calculate, based on temperature data, electric power data required for resistance heating element to attain a uniform temperature of the heating face, wherein different electric power is supplied to each of the at least two circuits based on the calculated electric power data.

Applicants note that the language above is not specifically recited in independent claims 2 and 15, and Applicants therefore respectfully request that a revised Statement of Reasons for Allowance be issued without reference to subject matter not specifically recited in the claims.

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